(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the details of stern action proposed to be taken by Government to keep a check on this in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) There are reports about North East militant outfits using Bangladesh for providing shelter and training to their cadres. Training camps in North East region in India along Bangladesh border have not been reported.

(b) and (c) Matter has been brought to the notice of the Government of Bangladesh from time to time. Government is alive to the situation in North East region. Action taken to check militant activities in the region includes *inter alia* deployment of Central Para-Military Forces and Army, improved coordination and sharing of intelligence between the security forces, declaration of major militant organisations as "Unlawful Associations" and declaration of most seriously affected areas as "Disturbed Areas" Central Government has formulated a special scheme for modernisation of police forces in North Eastern States. Under the scheme, vehicles, communication equipments, arms and ammunition and other security related items are provided in kind. Under the scheme of reimbursement of 'Security Related Expenditure', expenditure incurred by State Government on security is reimbursed by the Central Government.

Elections to SGPC

3220. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:
SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have finally decided to hold elections to Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee in Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh, under Sikh Gurdwara Act, 1925;

(b) whether necessary instructions have been issued in this regard; and

(c) if so, by when the elections are likely to be held?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The present term of the existing Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee (SGPC) expires on 20.11.2001. The Office of the Chief Commissioner, Gurdwara Elections has initiated the work of preparation/revision of electoral rolls. The date for

the fresh elections to the SGPC will be notified after the preparation/revision of electoral rolls is completed.

Movement of Kashmiris along Line of Control

3221. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have identified some locations along the Line of Control for the movement of Kashmiris;

(b) if so, the details of such locations;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are thinking of having a Wagha-type arrangement in those locations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) In order to increase people to people contact between the citizens of India and Pakistan, it has been proposed to open new check posts at designated points along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir and to provide facility of crossing by road.

(b) to (d) The details are being worked out.

Provocative statement made by Shri J.S. Chauhan

3222. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the provocative statement made by Shri J.S. Chauhan, a protagonist of "Khalistan" who alongwith others destabilised the State of Punjab in 1980 which is yet to recover fully from the shock of militancy;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether the sedition charges levelled against him in 1980 have since been dropped and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Both the Central Government and the State Government of Punjab are keeping a watch on the activities of Dr. J.S. Chauhan. The Punjab Government has also informed that action would be taken against Dr. Chauhan as per law, as when warranted.